

WINTER FARMERS MARKET 2024 Rules & Regulations

CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVE:

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RULES POLICY:

Rules are implemented and enforced by the Chamber Representative. The aforementioned individuals are the final arbiter of all market happenings. Failure to comply with the following rules or the direction of Chamber Staff will mean the loss of the vendor's privilege to sell at the Winter Farmers Market. No refunds will be made.

WHERE:

The Winter Farmers Market, overseen by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce, and is a 100% producer market. The market is a community based event where the Poweshiek County Community is able to purchase quality items that are home grown or handcrafted in Iowa, and a place for area growers and handcrafters to sell their wares. Sale of antiques, used items, unoriginal craft, pets, poultry, or livestock will not be allowed. The 2024 Winter Farmers Market will be on Friday, November 22 from 5-8 PM, Saturday November 23 market from 10AM-Noon. As well as on Friday, December 6 from 4-7PM and Saturday December 7 from 10AM-Noon. The Winter Farmers Market will be held at 914 Main Street.

MARKET SESSIONS:

Session 1:

Friday November 22, 2024 from 5-8 PM.

Saturday November 23, 2024 from 10 AM-Noon

Session 2:

Friday December 6, 2024 from 4-7 PM.

Saturday December 7, 2024 from 10 AM-Noon

FEES:

Grinnell Farmers Market FULL TIME vendors will pay a fee of \$10.00 per session

Grinnell Farmers Market PART TIME vendors will pay a fee of \$20.00 per session

Vendors who were not associated with the 2024 Grinnell Farmers Market season will pay a fee of \$30.00 per session

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Vendors wishing to be a Winter Farmers Market vendor should have their application to the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce, 833 4th Avenue, P.O. Box 538, Grinnell, Iowa 50112 (online application also available) ASAP, market stalls will be granted on a first come first serve basis. If you have questions, please contact Marissa at the Grinnell Chamber Office at 641-236-6555 or email marissa@getintogrinnell.com. Reservations and payments may be made in person, via the chamber website, or by mail, **your spot is not reserved until application AND payment have been received.** Checks should be made payable to the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce.

STALLS:

All vendors are given a 12 X 12 stall, if a vendor would like to request a second stall they can indicate on their application (fee will be applied if granted). If there are any vendors that require less than 12 X 12 space, please denote on the application as well.

ASSIGNMENT OF STALLS:

Stalls will be granted on a first come, first serve. Placement within the venue will be according to the product each vendor will be selling in an effort to highlight the variety and ensure vendors who have the same product are not placed right next to one another. Vendors are solely responsible for the set up AND tear down of their stall. **If a vendor needs electrical access, this should be noted on application or request emailed to marissa@getintogrinnell.com. Limited electrical stalls are available and we cannot guarantee they will be granted.**

TERMINATION POLICY:

A verbal warning will be given by Chamber Staff if rules have been violated. If the problem continues after the verbal warning has been issued, the vendor may be dismissed from the market as deemed necessary by Chamber Representatives. Refunds will not be made to vendors dismissed from market.

SET UP:

Vendors may begin setting up at 1PM on Friday November 22 and December 6. And at 8AM on Saturday, November 23 and December 7. Specific unloading and parking instructions will be sent out to all participating vendors.

GENERAL RULES (applicable to all vendors):

1. No sales, other than vendor to vendor purchases, may be made or products held back for customers prior to the opening signal of the market. If a pre-sale was made at a prior market (cash was exchanged), a customer may pick up the product ahead of market; however, if no cash was exchanged at the time of order, the product may not be picked up and paid for until after the start of market.
2. Vendors shall furnish their own tables, chairs, and keep their areas clean.
3. Each vendor is responsible for filing state sales tax permits where applicable. Generally, edibles are exempt if they are not sold as food for immediate consumption. Flowers, plants, and handcrafted items are subject to tax. Contact the Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance at phone number 515-281-3114 with any questions or forms. There is no fee for the Farmers Market Permit.

4. Vendors agree that photos of themselves, staff and product(s) may be used by market management to promote the market, market events and other associated activities through social media, website and other communication.
5. Any vendor under 18 must have an adult sign the application, provide an email address, and be on site for the entirety of market.
6. Vendors must provide an emergency contact name and phone number for someone who is not at market with them, in case of emergency.
7. All vendors are required to sign a hold harmless agreement.

SPECIFIC RULES:

Food Vendors:

1. Items for sale must be 100% grown or made by the vendor (including immediate family members (spouse, grandparents, parents, siblings and children) and employees). All items must be made or grown in Iowa. No exceptions will be made.
2. Products purchased for resale at the market are not allowed, i.e. no brokering. Site inspections may occur prior to the season start to verify information for full-time vendors and, if at any point during the season, the point-of-origin is in question (whether the product is Iowa grown by the vendor), an on-site mandatory inspection may be conducted again. The vendor shall provide direction to the production site and grant permission for any inspection of the production site within 72 hours of notification by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce.
3. All sales must be by container, item or by weight. Scales must be state certified, and if a vendor sells by weight the certified NTEP scale should be present at market. Certification card for scale should be present and a sticker must be on the scale. Contact the Iowa Department of Weights and Measures, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at 515-725-1493 with questions.
4. Any licenses or certifications (i.e. GAP, Certified Organic, etc.) claimed must reflect documentation at each market which would be available to customers, inspectors, market management, et al as requested.
5. Vendors shall display signage at their booths to identify each available item by price, unit and/or weight. Vendors may also do this on each individual item, as a label, if they wish. This is mandatory for all baked good items as well and should include an ingredient list, listing from most to least.
6. Allowable food items can include fresh locally grown vegetables, fruit, garden produce, home-made baked goods, fruit jams and jellies (acceptable if listed on the Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, Part 150), honey, and eggs if kept at 45 degrees or less.

Specific items which cannot be sold include non-Iowa grown fresh fruits and/or vegetables, jams and jellies not listed in the CFR 20.150, homemade butter or cottage cheese, raw milk. Soft pies and bakery products with custard or cream fillings, meats and meat products may only be sold if licensed by and following rules set by the state.

7. WIC-certified vendors shall not accept IFMNP vouchers for the following: non-locally grown fresh fruits, and/or vegetables, processed fruit or vegetables such as fruit jams/jellies, popcorn, juices/ciders, baked goods of any kind, including fruit pies and breads, dried beans/peas, flowers, honey (accepted under senior program), herbs, eggs, ornamental corn, miniature pumpkins, gourds, nuts and plants. For more reference, please look at the backs of said checks before you make a sale. If you have any questions regarding this, contact WIC and Senior Programs specialist at 515-242-5015.
8. Vendors wanting to accept SNAP Benefits & EBT cards individually, must be certified. Contact the USDA, Food and Drug Administration Department at 515-284-4035, or find further information and apply at www.fns.usda.gov. The Grinnell Farmers Market, as a whole, accepts SNAP & EBT transactions along with the Double Up Food Bucks program and Grinnell Grocery Vouchers through a token system in which all vendors must participate. Certain requirements are applicable for SNAP & DUFB tokens; however, all vendors may accept the credit/debit tokens.
9. Dumping of surplus produce is not permitted at the Grinnell Farmers Market. Dumping is defined as selling product(s) excessively below the average market rate of the Grinnell Farmers Market.
10. Anyone wishing to sell temperature control for safety foods needs to have a "Home Foods Processing Establishment License" or a "Farmers Market License" issued by the Iowa Food and Consumer Safety Bureau; 515-281-6538. A copy of this license must be provided to chamber staff prior to the start of market season.
 - a. Check here for foods that require a Farmers Market License
<https://dia.iowa.gov/food/farmers-markets>
 - b. Check here to see what foods require a HFPE license.
 - c. https://dia.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/document/DIA-FCS-Home-Prepared-Food-Items-Guide.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
11. Vendors should participate in the GAP Preparation Training (Good Agricultural Practice):
<http://www.safeproduce.cals.iastate.edu/farmers-market-food-safety-training/>.
12. Vendors wishing to give product samples at market should follow food-safety precautions, including proper washing and cleanliness (e.g. wearing gloves) to handle these foods.
13. Recycled egg cartons must clearly display vendor name and contact information on all cartons.
14. Per updates from the FDA to Code of Federal Regulations Part 150 -- Fruit Butters, Jellies, Preserves, and related products, jams and jellies can only use Nutritive Carbohydrate

Sweeteners to sweeten products. Nutritive Sweeteners include; Agave, Fructose, High-Fructose Corn Syrup, and Honey. Vendors cannot use non-nutritive sweeteners including acesulfame-K, aspartame, neotame, saccharin, sucralose, and stevia or other non-approved ingredients. More information on Code 150:

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?fr=150.160>

More Information Nutritive Carbohydrate Sweeteners:

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/nutritive-and-nonnutritive-sweetener-resources>

15. Products sold by vendors are required to be fresh and of upstanding quality. Any vendor that is selling old, moldy or poor quality products may be asked to withdraw products, could be asked to leave and may not be eligible to return to market. No refunds will be granted if a vendor is asked to leave due to quality issues.

16. The only wild-harvested mushrooms eligible for sale in Iowa are; Morel, Oyster, Chicken of the Woods, Hen of the Woods, Chanterelle, Bear's Head Tooth, Lion's Mane, Pheasant Back and Black Trumpet. A Food Establishment or Farmers Market License is required to sell the approved types of mushrooms. A copy of this license must be submitted to the Chamber prior to that sale of these products at market.

- a. All wild harvest mushrooms sold or served in a food establishment must be obtained from sources where each mushroom is individually inspected and found to be safe by a certified wild-harvested mushroom identification expert.
- b. All wild-harvested mushroom species sold or served in a food establishment must have a written buyer specification. The buyer shall retain the written buyer specification for 90 days from the date of the sale or service. The written buyer specification must include all of the following information
 - i. Identification of each mushroom species by the scientific name and common name;
 - ii. Date of purchase
 - iii. Quantity by weight of each species received
 - iv. A statement indicating that each mushroom was identified in its fresh state and not mixed or in contact with other mushroom species;
 - v. The name, address and telephone number of of the certified wild-harvested mushroom identification expert and;
 - vi. A copy of the certified wild-harvested mushroom identification expert's certificate of successful completion of the course; containing the date of completion
 - vii. A consumer advisory shall inform consumers by brochure, deli case, menu advisories, label statements, table tents, placards, or other effective written means that "wild-harvested mushrooms should be thoroughly cooked and may cause allergic reactions or other effects."
 - viii. This section does not apply to cultivated mushrooms or mushrooms that have been packaged in an approved food processing plant.
 - ix. More information can be found
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/481.31.pdf>

17. Any vendor wishing to sell consumable hemp products must provide the required certification and documentation from the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. For the full information about becoming a consumable hemp vendor visit <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/204.pdf>
 - a. Consumable hemp product means a hemp product that includes a substance that is metabolized or is otherwise subject to a biotransformative process when introduced into the human body.
 - i. The product can be introduced to the human body by either digestion or absorption by any device, included but not limited to an electric device.
 - ii. Consumable hemp products can be in a liquid or solid state.
 - b. Consumable Hemp Products are subject to the correct licensing. Please refer to section 204.4 for the full list of requirements that must be met to sell Consumable Hemp Products at a Farmers Market.
 - c. Consumable Hemp Products involve fees to become an eligible vendor. Please ensure you thoroughly read and understand section 204.5 for a list of all involved fees.
 - i. Consumable Hemp Product vendors are subject to an annual certificate of analysis. The vendor is agreeing for their crop to be inspected by the department. If no certificate of analysis has been completed, you are not an eligible vendor for consumable hemp products.
 - d. The Chamber will confirm all vendors' licenses & certificates through the department, and ensure that requirements have been met properly prior to allowing the vendor to sell at the market.
 - e. For more information about becoming a consumable hemp vendor please visit:
 - i. <https://dia.iowa.gov/consumable-hemp> or call 515-829-8899.
18. Vendors wishing to sell items considered Cottage Foods are **REQUIRED** to complete the **Home-Based Kitchen Operations: Regulations and Food Safety Course** through Iowa State University Extension & Outreach.
 - i. Classification of foods according to the DIA can be found at https://dia.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/document/DIA-FCS-Home-Prepared-Food-Items-Guide.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
 - ii. Certificate of completion must be presented to chamber staff prior to being accepted into the 2023 market season. Course can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/home-food-operations>
 - iii. This course has been updated to include HF 2431. Courses completed **PRIOR** to July 1, 2022 will **NOT** be accepted.
 - iv. Vendor is responsible for the course fee.
19. **Cottage food, HPFE & food trucks/mobile food units** will be required to carry & maintain commercial general liability of a minimum of \$500,000.00 per occurrence.
 - i. The *Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce* must be listed as an additional insured.
 - ii. A copy of certificate of insurance must be provided to chamber staff prior to the start of market
20. Any vendors selling cottage food products that require batch logs must have logs available at **each market** for inspection from chamber staff or market managers.

21. All cottage food vendors must meet the following labeling requirements **ON EACH PRODUCT.**

- i. Information to identify the name and address, phone number or email address of the person preparing the food;
- ii. The common name of the food;
- iii. The ingredients of the cottage food in descending order of predominance;
- iv. The following statement: "This product was produced at a residential property that is exempt from state licensing and inspection.";
- v. If the cottage food contains one or more major food allergens, an additional allergen statement must be included on the label identifying each major allergen contained in the food by the common name of the allergen; and
- vi. If the food is home-processed and home-canned pickles, vegetables, or fruits permitted under this section, the date that the food was processed and canned.

Non-Food Vendors:

1. Items for sale must be produced by the vendor (including immediate family members (spouse, grandparents, parents, siblings and children) and employees). All items must be made in Iowa. For non-food items, inputs may be purchased but the final product must be your own creation. For example, knitters may knit sweaters – the yarn would qualify as the input.
2. Homemade pet food and treats must be approved through the USDA prior to selling at market. Recipes and ingredient lists will need to be available to customers at time of purchase. Proof of approval must be submitted to the chamber.
3. Vendors must display signage at their booths to identify each available item by price or unit. Vendors may do this on each individual item, as a label, if they wish.

Non-Profit Organizations/Other:

1. Non-profit organizations may sell fundraising items at the discretion of the market management. Information tables are permissible, but must be approved prior to market start. The non-profit organization will be responsible for paying a market fee and is subject to the rules and regulations of the market, the exception of 'Made in Iowa' may be made with approval of a Chamber Representative. Space availability preference will be given to food and product vendors at the discretion of the Market Management, a maximum of 2 informational booths will be allotted per market.
2. Musicians, with the approval of the Chamber Representative, will be allowed to play for tips. They will not be charged a market fee.

3. The Chamber reserves the right to waive the fee at its discretion for a non-profit providing education or entertainment for customers.
4. Political parties will not be allowed to promote individual candidates at market. General voter registration is allowed. See Chamber **Hosted Elected Official** policy for more details.
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Organizational Contact Information:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship: 515-281-5321 or weightsandmeasures@iowaagriculture.gov

Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance: 515-281-3114

Iowa Food and Consumer Safety Bureau: 515-281-6538

Consumable Hemp- Iowa Department of Inspection & Appeals: 515-829-8899

USDA, Food & Drug Administration: 515-284-4035

WIC & Senior Programs: 515-242-6239

Full list of available licenses can be found <https://dia.iowa.gov/food/business-licensing>